A

DECLARATION

OF THE

Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, for the disarming of all Popish Recusants, and that it shall be lawfull for any of His Majesties Subjects to seize upon the persons of all such as shall execute the illegall Commission of Array.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, that this Declaration thus amended be forth-with reprinted.

H. Elsyn. Cler. Parl. Dom. Com.

Together with a Declaration of the Lords and Commons in Parliament that all persons whatsoever, which shall assist his Majesty in this VVar with Horse, Arms, or Mony, shall be Traytors to his Majesty, the Parliament and Kingdom.

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A Declaration of the Lords and Commons in PARLIAMENT.

With ſome Directions to the Knights, Gentlemen, and other Inhabitants of *Yorkſhire*, and the other Northerne Counties.

WE the Lords and Commons in Parliament aſſembled, have peruſed and ſeriouſly conſidered a Letter ſent from many of the principall Knights, Gentlemen, and other Inhabitants of the County of *Yorke*: directed to a worthy Knight of that County, being a Member of the Houſe of Commons, and intended for information of both Houſes of Parliament, concerning his Majeſties purpoſe of raiſing his Standard at *Nottingham*, the preſent

ſtate of the Northerne parts, and the growing miſchiefs, and miſeries like to over-whelme the whole Kingdome, by the great oppreſsions exerciſed upon his Majeſties Subjects there, and other unlawfull and dangereus councels, and proceedings of thoſe, who under pretenceof his Majeſties Service, are laying the foundation of an Arbitrarie and Tyrannicall Government, or rather confuſion and diſſolution, not only in thoſe parts, but in the whole Kingdome: upon which and other informations and diſcoveries, wee thinke fit to publiſh and declare ſome few obſervations, whereby the good Subjects of this Kingdome may better diſcerne their own danger, and be ſtirred up with more earneſtneſſe, to aſsiſt us in the Maintenance of Religion, and of the common Juſtice and Liberty of the Kingdome, which ſeems to be in no leſſe hazard, then if we had an Army of the *Iriſh* Rebels in the bowels of the Land.

The firſt Obſervation is this, that now it plainly appears to the World, that there was good ground of thoſe Feares and Jealouſies ſo often expreſſed by both Houſes. That His Majeſty intended to make War againſt his parliament: and that the many Oaths, proteſtation, and Execrations publiſhed in his Majeſties Name, diſclayming any ſuch purpoſe of War, were nothing but the deviſes of thoſe wicked Councellors about Him, that under ſuch diſguiſes and pretentions of Peace, they might more cloſely Arme and prepare themſelves for VVar, and by violence to ſuppreſſe the parliament, and ſo to make way for the accompliſhment of their owne deſignes for the alteration of Religion, and the Government of the Kingdom.

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The ſecond, that this Warre is ſaid to bee for the Defence of the Proteſtant Religion, and yet the moſt diligent Aſſiſtants and Promoters of it are Papiſts, and that corrupt and ſuperſtitious part of the Clergy, that were running towards popery: wherein the papiſts are ſo fervent, that they not onely ſend in Horſe and Armes, but the better to qualifie their perſons for this preſent ſervice, many heretofore conſtant Recuſants doe now reſort to Church, and take the oaths of ſupremacy and alleagiance, and with what affections they looke upon the reformed Religion, is evident in the ſpeeches of thoſe, who robbed Mr. *Marwoods* houſe calling his wife proteſtant whore and puritane, who being a very vertuous Gentlewoman and of good quality, onely the hatred of Religion was it which provoked them to ſuch ignominious language, which by thoſe popiſh Cavalieres is profecuted under the name of Round-head, as it hath beene by the prelaticall Clergy under the name of puritane.

A third that Armes are taken from the honeſt Gentlemen, Yeomen and Townſmen, and put into the hands of ſuch deſperate perſons as cannot live, but by rapine and ſpoyle.

A fourth, that not withſtanding all the vowes and proteſtations to governe by Law, which have beene diſperſed throughout the Kingdome to blind and deceive the people, The moſt miſchievous principles of tyranny are practiſed that ever were invented, that is to diſarme the middle ſort of people, who are the body of the Kingdome, and to maintaine Souldiers by forced contribution, to create a provinciall government in the North, cleerely againſt the common Law, and the

judgement given in this Parliament for taking away the Court at *Yorke*, That the contrivers and instruments of these mischiefes, for their better strengthening in these designes, are about to joyne themselves in an association with other Counties, That directions are given that such as shall oppose, or not joyne with them, shall bee violently plundered and pillaged.

For the prevention of these growing evils, and mischiefes the Lords and Commons doe declare.

That all well-affected and good Subjects, who shall be plundred, pillaged, and suffer in their estates by any of the Cavaliers or other Forces raised without consent of Parliament, shall have full reparation of their damages out of the estates of those who have beene actors, and counsellors in such violences, and likewise out of the estates of all such persons in any part of the Kingdome whatsoever, who have withdrawne themselves to *Yorke*, and shall persist to serve the King in this war against the Parliament, by any subscription, contribution, or otherwise have given assistance and countenance to the maintenance thereof.

That it shall be lawfull for any number of persons to Joyne together, and to defend themselves and others from Rapine and Force: And the Earle of *Essex* Lord Generall of the forces raised by the Lords and Commons, for the defence of Religion and Libertie, and for protection of the oppressed Subjects of this Kingdome, and Lievtenant of the County of *Yorke*, is desired to grant such Commissions, for levying, leading, and conducting of forces in the Northerne parts, as shall bee thought requisite by his excellencie. And Sir *John Hotham* Governour of *Hull*, is required to give all kind of

assistance,

aſsiſtance, by the Garriſon of the Towne, and by furniſhing them with ſuch powder, armes, and other Ammunition, as he can ſpare. And for the better enabling of them in this their neceſſary defence,

It is reſolved that further ſupplies of Armes ſhall be ſent thither as ſpeedily as may be.

That the Sheriffe of the County of *Yorke*, and the Sheriffes of the adjoyning Counties, and all Lievtenants, Deputy-Lievtenants, Majors, Juſtices of the Peace, and others his Majeſties Officers and loving Subjects, be ayding and aſsiſting to them in defence of his Majeſties Subjects from all Oppreſsion and Violence with the power of the Counties and Trayned Bands.

That it ſhall be lawfull for all Lord-Lievtenants, Deputy-Lievtenants, Sheriffs, Majors, Bailiffs, and head Officers of Corporations to diſarme all Popiſh Recuſants, and all other his Majeſties Subjects to be aſsiſting unto them, and that it ſhalbe lawful for any of his Majeſties ſubjects to ſeize upon the perſons of al ſuch as ſhall execute the Illegall Commiſſion of Array, or ſhall be Actors and aſsiſtants in any of the afore-mentioned oppreſsions and violences, or ſhall furniſh any Horſe, Armes, Money, or other Ayde or Contributions for the maintenance of this unnaturall Warre raiſed by His Majeſtie againſt His Parliament, and to ſeize upon their Horſes, Armes, Money, and other Proviſions, whereby they might be inabled to diſturbe the peace of the Kingdome.

FINIS.

A Declaration of the Lords, and Commons assembled in Parliament.

WHereas the King, seduced by wicked counsell, doth make War against His Parliament and People; And for the promoting of that Warre, divers Forces both of Horse and Foot have been, and are levyed and raised by severall persons, and His Majesties good Subjects are most cruelly robbed, spoiled, and slain:

To the end that no man may bee misled through Ignorance, the Lords and Commons in Parliament declare, That all such persons as shall, upon any pretence whatsoever, assist His Majesty in this Warre, with Horse, Armes, Plate or Money, are Traytors to His Majesty, the Parliament and the Kingdom, and shall be brought to condigne punishment for so high an offence.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, That this Declaration bee forthwith printed and published.

Hen Elsinge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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